(a) the number of people to whom Government has set target to provide employment during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana;

(b) the details of number of people who have benefited so far under this scheme, year-wise;

(c) whether the target is likely to be achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) was in operation during 2007-2008 only of Eleventh Five Year Plan period. 2.80 lakh beneficiaries have been assisted against the target of 2.75 lakh during 2007-2008 under this scheme. A new more attractive Credit Linked subsidy programme called Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been launched with effect from August, 2008 by merging the two schemes namely PMRY and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) that were in operation till 31.03.2008 for generation of employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises.

Credit rating to MSMEs

3344. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister's office has constituted a task force to look into the problems faced by MSMEs;

(b) if so, whether the said task force has given any recommendations in respect of more MSMEs getting credit rating in a time bound programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) A Task Force has been constituted under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister to address the issues of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector, including those relating to credit. The Task Force has held a series of meetings to deliberate on the issues/problems of the sector with all the stakeholders and is likely to submit its Report shortly.

Sale of traditional items by Khadi Bhavans

3345. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: